

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BRANDON BENEDICT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brandon Benedict for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Brandon Benedict is a student at Arvada West H.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brandon Benedict is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brandon Benedict for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING JESSE TURNER
MORRIS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jesse Turner Morris, Jr. Jesse Turner Morris, Jr. was a civil rights activist. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 8, 1937 to Amanda Louise Wooten Morris and Jesse Turner Morris. In the early part of his life the family lived in Wilmington, Delaware. Jesse would later move to Los Angeles, California where he graduated from Polytechnic High School. Mr. Morris' love for math led him to obtain a BS degree in Economics from UCLA, where he was a member of the swim team. He furthered his education by obtaining a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Iowa State University. In the early 1960s Mr. Morris moved to Jackson, Mississippi and began in earnest his work to empower Black southerners working with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO). Through his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, Mr. Morris met Euverest Simpson, with whom he had a 22-year marriage and five children. Black institution building was one of his long-term goals, and in 1966, Mr. Morris helped establish the Poor People's Cooperative, which provided loans and assistance to poor people to start cooperative businesses and actualize a life beyond the limitations of the racist system of sharecropping. Mr. Morris commitment to

Black empowerment was unwavering and continued long after the Movement ended. Mr. Morris served as director of the Emergency Land Fund for 15 years continuing the work that initially brought him to Mississippi, fighting to prevent Black people from losing their land. During this time, he served on the Editorial Board of The Review of Black Political Economy. In 1984, Mr. Morris became the first Executive Director of the Mississippi Food Bank, a clearinghouse for food for charitable organizations in central Mississippi. In later years, he worked with the U.N.I. Teaching Youth program and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children, while continuing to support voter registration efforts and initiatives to preserve civil rights history. Mr. Morris loved a good joke or prank and was always an advocate of Black self-determination. Mr. Morris is survived by his children, Earl Morris (Natilyn), Orlando Morris (Trish), and Omar Morris of Jackson, Mississippi, Tiyi Morris (Judson L. Jeffries) of Westerville, Ohio, and Jessica Morris (Thomas Anderson) of Coconut Creek, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late civil rights activist Mr. Jesse Turner Morris, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH
PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF
SUFFRAGAN BISHOP AVERY
DUMAS III AND FIRST LADY
ROSALIND DUMAS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suffragan Bishop Avery Dumas III and First Lady Rosalind Dumas of Ann Arbor on the occasion of their 20th Pastoral Anniversary. Their contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Suffragan Bishop Dumas is the son of District Elder Avery Dumas Jr. and First Lady emeritus Jeanette Dumas. A graduate of Ypsilanti Public Schools, he attended DeVry Institute of Technology and worked in the technological field for major corporations before being installed as the Pastor of New Grace Apostolic Temple on March 31, 2001 by Bishop Harry L. Herman, Diocesan Bishop of the 5th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. His installation service took place just one day before the passing of his father, mentor, and best friend, District Elder Avery Dumas Jr.

He has gracefully upheld the legacy of service that begun with his father and grandfather who originally served as pastor of the church. Suffragan Bishop Dumas serves as the chairman of the Ghana Council in Africa and oversees other churches and pastors in his position as Suffragan Bishop. Well known in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti community, their church has touched countless lives through their jail

and prison ministry, charity drives, campus outreach, and community events.

Suffragan Bishop Dumas married First Lady Rosalind Lee Dumas in June 1986 and together they have three children, Jennifer Lee, Madison Elyse, and Avery Dumas IV. Those who know him describe him as a dynamic servant leader and as "a man after God's heart."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Suffragan Bishop Avery Dumas III and First Lady Rosalind Dumas on their 20th Pastoral Anniversary. I join with the Dumas' family, friends, and the entire congregation of the New Grace Apostolic Temple in extending my best wishes and gratitude to them on their pastoral anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR
GENERAL DAN HELIX

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Major General Dan Helix.

Dan grew up in West Berkeley, California and in 1948 he began his 41-year career with the United States Army and Army Reserve. He enlisted as a private, but was soon commissioned as an Infantry second lieutenant in 1951. Dan continued to rise through the ranks, serving as a platoon leader and company commander of a rifle company with the 45th Infantry Division during the Korean War. Following the end of the war, Dan worked for Army Intelligence in Japan where he met his future wife, Mary Lou. The couple dated for a few short months before getting married in 1953.

Dan and Mary Lou moved to Concord, California in 1955. Dan attended the University of California, Berkeley where he earned a bachelor's degree in History. He later went on to obtain a master's degree in political science from San Francisco State University. It was while teaching high school government that Dan decided to enter local politics. He was first elected to the Concord City Council in 1968, serving for eight years before eventually going on to serve as a director of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District. During Dan's time with the BART District, he worked to provide discounts for senior riders and supported the promotion of a woman to the then all-male board of directors. He returned to the Concord City Council in 2010 as an appointee and was elected to one final term in 2012. During both of his tenures on the City Council, Dan served terms as mayor.

In 1989, Dan retired from the U.S. Army as a Major General. As a Korean War Veteran, Dan earned the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" Device, and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster among other commendations

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